

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 18, 2009**

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Bruce Christensen	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Rick Bosworth	Human Resource Coordinator
	Jim Buchanan	Emergency Services Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Blake Fannesbeck	Public Works Director
	Jared Johnson	Community Development Manager
	Paul Larsen	Economic Development Director
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Scott Oldham	Parks Superintendent
	Jason Roberts	Finance Director
EXCUSED:	Scott Ericson	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order and excused Councilmember Ericson and Councilmember Ruth Jensen who were out of town. The Reverence Period was given by Councilmember Christensen. The scouts in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - Councilmember Christensen noted that in the June 4, 2009 Council minutes it states, "A new building would be constructed north of the current parking lot." It should say, "A new building would be constructed north of the current *building*." Mayor Christensen also noted an error in the May 28 work session minutes where "having" is typed twice. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Work Session, May 28 Work Session and May 21 and June 4 Council Meetings was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen.

Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT

- Promotion in Public Works Department
- New Hires in Ambulance Division
- New Hires in Fire Division
- Request to Schedule a Special Council Meeting to Revise the 2008-09 Budget

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2009 Modified and Newly Created Capital Facilities Plans

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

- Request for City Dog Park

NEW BUSINESS

- Request to Expend Funds Received for Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival
- Request for Approval of Resolution Approving the 2009-10 City Budget

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Continue Discussion on Automatic Meter Readers (*tabled*)

MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

- Rocky Mountain Power Request to be on the June 25, 2009 Special Meeting Agenda (*added*)
- Cancellation of July 2, 2009 Council Meeting (*added*)

CLAIMS

- Payment Register

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Christensen - Councilmember Christensen stated that in the June 4, 2009 Council meeting in an attempt to explain utility transfers, he inadvertently indicated that credit unions are exempt for property tax. He said this is incorrect and wanted it publicly noted as such. Credit unions are tax exempt for income tax purposes but not for property tax purposes.

Reese Jensen - Councilmember Reese Jensen said he had the opportunity to attend a ceremony dealing with the transfer of ownership of the Merrill's Planing Mill. The Mill was donated by the Merrill family to a partnership made upon the Brigham City Manufacturing and Mercantile Institution. They are working on a 501-3-C status. The donation was made with the stipulation that the property be stored and used as a location for heritage related arts and artisan activities. Brigham City Manufacturing and Mercantile Institution was the official name of the Brigham City Co-op. The 501-3-C has resurrected the name for their non-profit and the intent is to get activity into the Baron Woolen Mill and the Merrill Planing Mill, as well as to promote heritage tourism and arts activity in the community. The Merrill Planing Mill is part of Brigham City's identity and the City is grateful to the Merrill family for their generous donation and to the Brigham City Manufacturing and Mercantile Institution for their vision and commitment to restore that building. Councilmember Reese Jensen thanked Mr. Larsen for brokering this deal and also to the Fire Department for fighting the fire and preserving enough of the building so it can be restored.

CONSENT

Promotion in Public Works Department

It was recommended the City Council approve the promotion of Trevor Nelsen as Public Works Inspector, Grade 49, effective June 19, 2009.

New Hires in Ambulance Division

It was also recommended Levi Coleman and Brock Petersen be hired as Paid-on-Call EMT (Basic) effective June 19, 2009.

New Hires in Fire Division

Shaun Bess, Blake Lingmann and T.J. Reeder were recommended for approval as Paid-on-Call Firefighters effective June 19, 2009.

Request to Schedule a Special Council Meeting to Revise the 2008-09 Budget

It was requested that a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for June 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to revise the 2008-09 Budget.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Christensen, seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

2009 Modified and Newly Created Capital Facilities Plans

Mr. Jared Johnson came forward and stated that the Capital Facilities Plans were last updated in 1997. They have notified the affected entities as required by law and have not received any written comments. There are two new plans, one for transportation and roadway facilities and another for public safety.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen, seconded and carried. There were no comments received. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Reese Jensen, seconded and carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Reese Jensen made a motion to approve the 2009 modified Capital Facilities Plans, seconded by Councilmember Christensen and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Request for City Dog Park

Heather Robison stated that she walks at Pioneer Park everyday and she has been talking to people about a dog park. She distributed pictures of a dog park in South Ogden.

Mr. Scott Oldham explained that the area would have to be fenced and generally they are not supervised by Parks employees. They usually cause some problems with policing feces pickup. He said he talked with the Recreation Department and they suggested the Sports Park property and the north end of the golf course for two possible locations.

The park would need a minimum of .25 acres and a maximum of two acres. It is nice to have benches for the dog owners, water facilities, garbage cans, shovels, double gates, and possibly restrooms if it is not close to current facilities. Mr. Oldham estimated it would cost \$20,000.

Mayor Christensen suggested looking for associations that might be willing to help with the expenses.

Mr. Oldham said he read an article that reported that there were concerns from citizens living near dog parks about noise control and children's safety.

The Council instructed Mr. Oldham to get a better estimate of what the cost would be and asked Ms. Robison to see if there is a lot of interest from the citizens for a dog park. They also asked for some ideas on where the park could be located and instructed staff to talk to the neighbors of that area with any concerns they might have.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Expend Funds Received for Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival

Paul Larsen reported that the City received \$8,070 in cash donations this year for the Heritage Arts Festival. He requested that this be added to the budget to be spent through that line item. Total cost for the Festival was approximately \$12,000. This does not include employee salaries and other in-kind services by the City. Councilmember Marabella asked Mr. Larsen to provide how many hours employees worked on this Festival. This would be helpful if the Festival is ever sponsored by the community rather than the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen made a motion to authorize the funds to be received and expended as discussed, seconded by Councilmember Marabella and unanimously carried.

Request for Approval of Resolution Approving the 2009-10 City Budget

Mr. Roberts explained that this resolution approves the 2009-10 budget as presented at the public hearing. He added that the Certified Tax Rate has not yet been received from the County. Depending on what that is the budget may need to be adjusted accordingly and re-adopted.

MOTION: A motion to approve the resolution approving the 2009-10 City Budget as presented at the public hearing was made by Councilmember Christensen, seconded by Councilmember Marabella and unanimously carried.

MAKING LIFE BETTER - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks Department - Mr. Oldham reported that this year the Parks Department contracted with Tony's Grove Nursery for the downtown flowers and flowers at City Hall, Horsley Park and the EMS Building. They provided the City with a professional design layout so there will be blooms all summer and fall. They added some gel to the hanging planters which requires about 50% less watering. Due to the excessive rainfall this year, some of the petunias have not done well and Tony's Grove will replace these.

Mr. Oldham also reported that the Parks Department and Cemetery received a charitable donation from a business in Oregon. The City received 65 large trees and only had to pay for shipping.

400 North Bridge - Mr. Fonnesbeck reported that there have been some problems with the reconstruction of the bridge on 400 North. This was supposed to be completed by the first of June. The company had some problems with their pre-castor who cast them upside down and they would not fit. They had to recast half of them. They now have all the panels in and they will be getting it up to level. It should be completed by July 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rocky Mountain Power Request to be on the June 25, 2009 Special Meeting Agenda

RMP would like to be added to the agenda to update the Council on their plans for the lines and would like the Council to approve some easements.

Cancellation of July 2, 2009 Council Meeting

The Council agreed to cancel the July 2nd Council meeting.

CLAIMS

Payment Register

Councilmember Christensen moved to approve General Claims dated May 31, 2009 in the amount of \$158,323.24; for June 9, \$636,432.45; June 16, \$166,092.94. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an RDA meeting was made by Councilmember Christensen. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The Council returned to a City Council meeting at 8:20 p.m. A motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken in which all councilmembers voted aye.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:56 p.m. and adjourned.